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THE WARBOUND

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No-Name of
The Brood

Hiroim the
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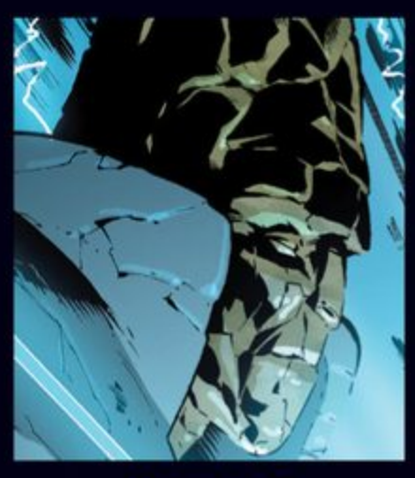

Korg the
Kronan

Once Hulk's army, they're searching for purpose.

THE LEADER

Hulk's foe, hungry for power.

THE DOME

**Leader has created Gammaworld, a giant, deadly, radioactive dome.
Everyone trapped inside may soon perish if the Warbound do not act quickly...**

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AW, MAN, WE'RE ALL GETTING CANCER, AREN'T WE?

OR WORSE. ACCORDING TO THE PENCIL NECKS IN B-COMPANY, THE MOST DANGEROUS THING DOWN THERE ISN'T THE GAMMA RADIATION--

"--IT'S THAT ALIEN SHADOW PRIEST'S OLD POWER."

FIGHT ME, KORG!

SKRAKKKAK!!

KRRAKKLOOM!

YOU MUST. I CAN'T HOLD BACK THE OLD POWER ANY LONGER.

NO, HIROIM!

AND AS LONG AS IT FEEDS THIS DOME, PEOPLE WILL DIE.

LET THEM.

SZZSPKKKRIKKKKK!

THIS ISN'T A BLUFF, KORG!

GKKK--

DON'T YOU SEE?

IT'S MORE POWER THAN I EVER IMAGINED, KORG. THERE'S SO MUCH I CAN DO WITH IT...

...BUT THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT.

I CAN'T HOLD IT IN.

IF YOU DON'T KILL ME, EVERYONE WE SWORE TO SAVE WILL DIE.

WHO-- WHO ARE THEY...

...WHO ARE THESE HUMANS TO ASK THIS OF US?

THEY DON'T ASK, KORG.

"I DO."

THIS IS CRAZY. WE SHOULDN'T BE OUT IN THE OPEN LIKE THIS.

BEFORE THE DOME WENT *OPAQUE*, I SAW *HELICOPTERS.*

THIS IS THE BEST PLACE FOR US TO GET SEEN BY *RESCUERS.*

...OR *MONSTERS.*

DAMN, SON, YOU TRYING TO--

KRAKOOOOM!

HIROIM! WAIT! THERE ARE PEOPLE ALL AROUND--

CHAOS

--JINX US?!

EXACTLY.

12.4 MILES NORTH...

TIME TO DIE, LEADER.

STUPID LITTLE MONSTERS. YOU SHOULD THANK ME.

FOR WHAT, YOU PSYCHOPATH?

PSHKRRK!

PKKKKWOK!!

BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!

KILLING A THOUSAND PEOPLE WITH YOUR DOME?

AND GIVING YOUR LIFE PURPOSE AGAIN, ELLOE KAIFI.

YOU'RE INSANE.

SKRAASH!

NO--

JUST VERY, VERY SMART.

PFT.

CLLAAANG!

YOU COULD HAVE ESCAPED WHEN THE SHADOW PRIEST MADE A HOLE IN THE DOME.

BUT YOU STAYED.

BECAUSE WE'RE WARBOUND.

PZWRK!

NO. BECAUSE YOU'RE FUGITIVE ALIENS.

AND IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD, THE HUMANS WOULD HUNT YOU DOWN AND KILL YOU.

BUT HERE--

ELLOE! BROOD! DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! AND DON'T LET HIM TOUCH YOU!

DON'T WORRY, DR. WAYNESBORO. MY MIND CONTROL POWERS DON'T WORK ON ALIENS...

WE KILLED *TEN TIMES* THIS MANY INNOCENTS IN THE DEATH FIELDS OF SAKAAR--WHEN THEY WORE THE RED KING'S *OBEDIENCE DISKS.*

...JUST HUMANS.

WHY SHOULD WE TREAT *YOUR* SLAVES ANY DIFFERENTLY?

AH. YOU MISUNDERSTAND. THESE AREN'T *MY* SLAVES.

THEY'RE *YOURS.*

BEHOLD, ELLOE KAIFI, THE *RED QUEEN* OF *GAMMAWORLD!*

PROTECTOR!

ELLOE!

ELLOE!

HERO!

HOOO...

SAVIOR!

QUEEN!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

WHAT ELSE, DR. WAYNESBORO?

LIFE.

ALL OF THE TRANSFORMATIONS AND RESURRECTIONS AND INDIGNITIES THIS POOR BODY'S SUSTAINED OVER THE YEARS HAVE TAKEN THEIR *TOLL.*

THE DOME STABILIZES MY CONDITION. GIVES ME TIME TO *THINK...*

SO ALL OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE TO *DIE OF RADIATION POISONING* SO YOU CAN GET A LITTLE *QUIET TIME?*

NOW THERE'S WHERE YOU'VE MISJUDGED ME, DR. WAYNESBORO.

OF COURSE, ANYONE STUPID OR UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE *DIRECTLY* TOUCHED THE DOME HAS BEEN INCINERATED.

BUT OF WHAT POSSIBLE USE ARE A BUNCH OF CORPSES TO ME?

I NEED *TEST SUBJECTS.*

DEAR GOD...

I'D IMAGINE THAT A SCIENTIST LIKE YOURSELF WOULD BE *DYING* FOR AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE--

STOP!!!

AH. AN OLD POWER SURGE.

YOU'D BETTER CALL YOUR SHADOW PRIEST OFF...

...BEFORE HE KILLS EVERYONE.

SKRRAKK

NO ONE'S DYING TODAY, LEADER.

YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE DISTRACTING US.

BUT WE WERE DISTRACTING YOU.

HIROIM AND KORG HAVE DUG UP THE UNDERGROUND GENERATORS THAT FEED YOUR DOME.

IT'S OVER.

VERY CLEVER.

BUT THERE ARE NO UNDERGROUND GENERATORS.

LIAR.

NO...

...HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH.

THE ONLY WAY FOR GAMMAWORLD TO FALL...

"...IS IF HIROIM DIES."

NO, HIROIM!

YOU SWORE TO PROTECT THEM, KORG!

GET AWAY FROM US, YOU MONSTER!

BLAM!

STUPID...

SKRAKK!

...HUMANS.

WHAKOOM!

I JUST WISH...

...THEY WERE *WORTH* IT.

BRAADOOM!

WHAAKK!

KORG, LISTEN, YOU CAN'T--

CRACK!

OW.

I'M SORRY, ELLOE.

IT'S THE ONLY WAY.

KORG!

UFF!

NOW.

JUMPKKK

YYYY

HEY HEY HEY! SHE'S OPEN!

RECEIVING GO-CODES--

--AND THEY'RE AWAY!

AH, HIROIM...

ON MY HOME WORLD...

"...AND SEAR THEM *TOGETHER* IN THE *LAVA* OF *MOUNT KRONA.*

"...MEN OF *STONE* GRASP *HANDS...*

"THEY SIT FOR DAYS...

"...FASTING AND SINGING...

"...UNTIL THEIR HANDS CRACK APART.

"AND NEW ROCKLINGS SPILL FORTH.

"IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME..."

...I WOULD HAVE...ASKED *YOU* FOR THIS HONOR...

O LORD, FORGIVE US OUR--

KORG...

KATE WAYNESBORO.

IT'S OVER.

YES.

NO.

GOD...

...I THOUGHT WE HAD TO BRING DOWN THE DOME TO SAVE THE PEOPLE.

BUT THE LEADER'S MANIPULATED THIS RADIATION IN WAYS I'VE NEVER SEEN.

THE TRUTH IS...

...WITHOUT THE DOME... WITHOUT *HIROIM*...

...EVERYONE'S GOING TO DIE.

...

SSSKKRRAKKK

WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO HEAR ABOUT ALL THAT A LITTLE EARLIER.

SORRY.

KORG.

MAYBE I'LL SEE MOUNT KRONA YET.

WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?

NO IDEA.

BUT WHAT DO YOU SAY WE KILL THE LEADER NOW?

A PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE SENTIMENT...

BWOI-SKWRM!

...BUT YOU MIGHT WANT TO WAIT UNTIL *AFTER* WE FIGHT DR. WAYNESBORO'S GIANT *ROBOT DEATH SQUAD*.

TO BE CONCLUDED!

THE NEGATIVE ZONE PRISON. TWO WEEKS AGO.

S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT KATE WAYNESBORO LOG 48.56.

NO ONE KNOWS THE WARBOUND BETTER THAN THEIR FORMER COMPANION MIEK.

TALES OF THE WARBOUND

PART FOUR

AND NO ONE HATES THEM MORE.

WHICH IS CONVENIENT FOR ME.

BECAUSE MY JOB IS TO GET ANY INFORMATION THAT CAN HELP ME TAKE THE WARBOUND DOWN.

NO-NAME OF THE BROOD. SHE ACTUALLY PROTECTED TONY STARK AND REED RICHARDS WHEN THE SENTRY WENT INSANE.

DOES THAT MEAN SHE MIGHT BE WILLING TO BREAK FROM THE WARBOUND?

YOU'RE ALWAYS SO OPTIMISTIC, KATE WAYNESBORO.

"NO-NAME WAS A WARRIOR PRIME OF BROODWORLD.

"CHEMICALLY BONDED TO HER QUEEN AND HER SISTERS, SHE LIVED ONLY TO KILL... CONQUER...

"...AND CONSUME.

"BUT WHEN HER FELLOW WARRIORS PRIME DIED IN THE GLADIATORIAL PITS OF THE MAW ON PLANET SAKAAR...

"SHE WAS FREED FROM HER PEOPLE'S HIVE MIND.

"SO SHE JOINED THE **HULK** AND HIS WARBOUND...

"AND SOON SHE WENT FROM **EATING** OTHER PEOPLE'S CHILDREN...

"...TO TELLING THEM **BEDTIME** STORIES.

"SHE **DENIED** HER BIOLOGY. PLEDGED HER LIFE TO **SOFTSKINS** AND **ALIENS**.

"AND WHEN SHE FINALLY PULLED ME CLOSE.."

HERE IN THE DARK...

"BUT I CHEMMED THE CHURNING IN HER BLOOD.

"...I COULD **TASTE** HOW MUCH SHE **FEARED** HER SECRET HUNGER."

HERE IN THE WARM...

MY LITTLE MIEK...

"AFTER THE RED KING FELL...

"...WHILE THE REST OF US REBUILT CROWN CITY...

"...SHE SLIPPED AWAY..."

THERE SHE IS!

BROOD! COME READ US A STORY!

A LITTLE... LATER... CHILDREN.

"...AND DREAMED OF HER OWN NEW WORLD..."

AKK! AK AKK!

"...AND HER OWN NEW NAME."

SHHH. MAMA'S HERE.

AHAKK! KKKAA!

GAH!

AAAAKKK!

"SO STUPID.

"THE CHILDREN SHE BORE WERE SAVAGE, MINDLESS HYBRIDS, DRIVEN ONLY BY HUNGER."

HSSSS

"THEY WERE **PERFECT**.

RUN!

AAAH!

"AND HER BROOD HEART SURGED WITH **JOY** AS THEY **ATTACKED**."

MAMA!

"BUT SHE FOUGHT OFF **BIOLOGY ITSELF** TO STAY TRUE TO THAT CHILD.

"YOU WANT TO DEFEAT THE BROOD, KATE WAYNESBORO?"

SHUSH, LITTLE ONE.

MAMA'S HERE.

"MAKE YOURSELF HER **FRIEND.**

"AND SHE'LL -KIK- CUT OUT HER OWN **HEART** FOR YOU."

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

NOTHING. NOTHING AT ALL.

YOU -KIK- CAME TO ME TO LEARN THE WEAKNESSES OF THE WARBOUND.

BUT HOW CAN YOU USE THEM TO YOUR ADVANTAGE...

...WHEN YOU'RE SO WEAK YOURSELF?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, MIEK.

I'LL BE SURE TO LET THE REVIEW BOARD KNOW HOW COOPERATIVE YOU'VE BEEN.

I'VE BEEN CHEMMING **YOU** FROM THE MINUTE WE MET, KATE WAYNESBORO.

YOU CAN'T HIDE YOUR SECRETS FROM ME.

COME BACK, KATE WAYNESBORO.

I HAVE ONE MORE STORY TO TELL YOU.

TO BE CONCLUDED!

NEXT

TO THE END!

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